

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR SESSION

December 13, 2004

Closed Session: 5:30 p.m.

Regular Session: 6:12 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Alice Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder, Alice Dowdin

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio
Public Works Director Charles Clark
Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder
Community Development Director Will Wong
Airport Manager Jerry Martin
Special Projects Director Jack Warren

By **MOTION** adjourn to a closed session under Government Code section 54956.8: **Approved by voice.**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Former Denham property and lease at Auburn Airport

Agency negotiator: City Manager and Crossroads

Negotiating parties: Denham and City of Auburn
and Crossroads

Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price, terms of payment, or both.

RECONVENE Regular Session, 6:12 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Dowdin said the Council took no reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor's Commendation: Placer High School Cross Country Varsity Girls for their State Championship.

The scheduled December 27th Council meeting has been cancelled.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3 was removed at the request of citizen Dan Sokol.

1. **Warrants**
By **RESOLUTION 04-155** approve Warrants 58111 through 58841 totaling \$2,430,448.87.
2. **Council Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of October 11 and 19, 2004.
3. **Amendment to Engineering Services Contract with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey for Additional for the School Park Preserve**

Item removed at the request of Dan Sokol; follows Consent Calendar.

4. **Department of Water Resources – Urban Streams Grant Amendment for the Lincoln Creek Restoration Project**

By **RESOLUTION 04-157** authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an Agreement Amendment for the Urban Streams Agreement for the restoration of Lincoln Creek (Auburn School Park Preserve Project).

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar as amended. **MOTION: Holmes/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

5. **Amendment to Engineering Services Contract with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey for Additional Design Services for the School Park Preserve**

Special Projects Director Jack Warren said that, during the initial design phase, additional design services were required to complete the bid package. This Amendment #1 was for \$20,984 and was verbally approved by former Public Works Director Tom Fossum. The project went to bid in July, 2004 and only one bid was received by the city. The bid was not awarded because the amount exceeded the available funding. The project was revived when a one million dollar federal grant was made available through Congressman Doolittle. In September, 2004 the City entered into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to complete the project. In order to address the review comments by the Corps of Engineers, additional design services are required, which account for Amendment #2 in the amount of \$28,353.

Dan Sokol of 1330 Deerwood Place said he didn't think the Council was fully informed before spending taxpayer dollars.

City Manager Bob Richardson responded that this has been a partnership project with a number of non-profits from the beginning. Early on, the City pledged \$500,000 of General Fund dollars. Those dollars were invested in the acquisition of the property itself. The remaining monies of what has now become a multi-million dollar project have come in from outside sources. These additional costs have been borne primarily by the non-profit agencies that really want to see this as a quality project.

By **RESOLUTION 04-156** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment #2 to the Engineering Service Contract with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey for additional design services for the School Park Preserve. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

6. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes noted that the Grass valley/Nevada City area has a Heritage Home program where they award homeowners of well-maintained homes. He suggested, with the recent passage of the Auburn Historic Design and Review Policy changes, that City staff look at and initiate a similar program in Auburn.

Council Member Keith Nesbitt said it is critical that we move towards a more walkable community, establish street trees, bike paths and more walkable areas because of the increased pollutants in the air. He also said some people are interested in establishing a canyon rim trail. In the long run, that may be a great way to establish a volunteer network to help maintain the shaded fuel break.

Mayor Dowdin introduced the new Public Works Director Charles Clark.

REPORTS

7. **Quarterly Reports from Committees and Commissions**

A. Arts Commission.

Report continued to the January meeting.

8. **Informational Reports from Staff**

A. Airport Manager's Monthly Report.

Airport Manager Jerry Martin reported that Steps 1 and 2 of the Master Plan Update have been completed. The newly acquired property is being master-planned. The East Hangar project water and sewer issues are being re-designed. Regarding the California Highway Patrol, he spoke of the attempts and incentives to get them back.

9. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Holmes reported that the Placer County Pollution Control District Board approved a \$2 per car fee increase. Over the last 3 or 4 years the City has benefited from this fee in the form of grants in the amount of around \$500,000, which included help with the multi-modal station, the parking lot and the retrofitting of some of the disposal trucks.

He also mentioned that the Placer County Air Pollution Control District has a program to exchange gas-powered lawn mowers for the new electric ones.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

10. **Historic Design Review Commission (HDRC) At-Large Appointments**

By **RESOLUTION 04-158** approve the At-Large Member appointments to the Historic Design Review Commission of Sandra Elder for a four-year term as the Historical Society member, Liz Briggs for a two-year term as the Downtown Historic District member, and Wayne White for a two-year term as the Old Town Historic District member. **MOTION:**
Holmes/Nesbitt/ Approved 5:0

11. **Mayoral Appointments to Council Committees, Commission, Task Forces and Boards**

Mayor Alice Dowdin provided each member of the City Council with new assignments for the calendar year 2005.

Adjournment 7:04 p.m.

Alice Dowdin, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk